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"USACM Trustee") of the USACM Liquidating Trust (the "Trust"), to the Authority's Motion to Determine that the Automatic Stay does not Apply to Certain Property or, Alternatively, to Terminate the Automatic Stay under Sections 541, 362(d)(1) and (d)(2) of the United States Bankruptcy Code, 11 U.S.C. §§ 101 et seq. (the "Bankruptcy Code"), Rule 4001(a) of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure, and Rule 4001(a) of the Local Bankruptcy Rules (the "Motion"), and in further support of the Motion.

## **Background for the Motion**

The Authority filed this Motion, and a parallel motion for the same relief in the case of USA Investment Partners ("USAIP"), case number 07-11821-lbr, because each Trustee had claimed various equitable and other potential interests in the Temecula Property. Yet, when we made conferral requests pursuant to Local Rule 4001 prior to the Motion, neither Trustee responded. Now, in his response<sup>2</sup> to the Motion, the USACM Trustee takes the position that the Motion is most because it was filed post-confirmation. Notably, the USACM Trustee fails completely to address the first branch of the Motion (that the Temecula Property is not property of this estate).

The Motion should not be "waived away" simply because it was filed post-confirmation. In fact, when we made our request pursuant to Local Rule 4001 in early 2008, regarding the Authority's then intention to seek the relief requested by the Motion,<sup>3</sup> the USAIP Trustee indicated – and this was likewise post-confirmation – that she would oppose it.

Any terms not defined in this Reply are defined in the Memorandum of Points and Authorities annexed to the Motion and filed April 8, 2009 (docket number 7015).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Response By The USACM Liquidating Trust To the Motion Of Temecula Public Finance Authority To Determine That The Automatic Stay Does Not Apply With Respect To Certain Property Or, Alternative, To Terminate The Automatic Stay, filed April 14, 2009 ("USACM Response").

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> A third party ultimately paid the taxes then owed by Ashby USA on the Temecula Property, in or about May 2008, so the Motion became unnecessary.

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## THE MOTION IS NOT MOOT

The automatic stay does not apply to the Temecula Property because it is not property of the estate. See 11 U.S.C. § 541. The USACM Trustee does not refute this, nor does he claim that the Trust has any unresolved claims to Ashby USA's property (including the Temecula Property). Such a claim would in fact be surprising now, in view of the Trust's settlement with Ashby USA, its affiliates, and one of its principals, Richard Ashby (and other related entities), under Adversary Proceeding number 08-01123-lbr in this Court.

The Trust appears to be "hedging its bets" by failing to take a position at all on the issue of property of the estate, apparently saving its arguments for another day or forum. But that is not a proper response, and this issue should be resolved here and now. Only this Court can determine that the Temecula Property is not part of this estate, and this Court should do so. The Authority can then proceed against Ashby USA and the Temecula Property without the possibility of being required to make multiple applications to this Court or otherwise address multiple times the issue of estate property.

Accordingly, the Authority, which is owed over two million dollars in unpaid property taxes levied on the Temecula Property, seeks entry of an Order with a finding that the automatic stay does not apply to the Temecula Property, because it is not property of the estate.

Respectfully submitted this // day of May, 2009.

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1 CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE 2 1. On this hinday of May, 2009, I served the following document(s) (specify): 3 REPLY OF TEMECULA PUBLIC FINANCE AUTHORITY TO THE RESPONSE OF 4 THE TRUSTEE OF THE USACM LIQUIDATING TRUST TO MOTION TO DETERMINE THAT THE AUTOMATIC STAY DOES NOT APPLY WITH RESPECT TO CERTAIN 5 PROPERTY OR, ALTERNATIVELY, TO TERMINATE THE AUTOMATIC STAY, AND IN FURTHER SUPPORT OF THE MOTION 6 7 2. I served the above-named document(s) by the following means to the persons as listed below: 8 (check all that apply) 9 ECF System (You must attach the "Notice of Electronic Filing", or list П a. all persons and addresses and attach additional paper if necessary) 10 11 United States mail, postage fully prepaid b. (List persons and addresses. Attach additional paper if necessary) 12 Tel: (702) 384-4436 Fax: (702) 384-4437 Office of the U.S. Trustee Ashby USA, LLC 13 Attn: Ms. Jeanne Deringer 300 Las Vegas Blvd. South Las Vegas, Nevada 89101 470 East Harrison Street **Suite 4300** 14 Corona, CA 92879 Las Vegas, NV 89101 15 16 Annette W Jarvis Nicholas J Santoro, Esq. Santoro Driggs et al. PO Box 45385 17 400 S Fourth St 3rd Floor 36 South State Street, #1400 Las Vegas, NV 89101 Salt Lake City, UT 84 145-0385 18 19 Bradley J Stevens, Esq. Peter Susi, Esq. Michaelson, Susi & Michaelson 33 00 N Central Ave 20 7th West Figueroa St 2nd Floor Phoenix, AZ 85012 Santa Barbara, CA 93101 21 Tom Allison 22 Gregory J Walch, Esq. USA Commercial Mortgage, et al 400 S Fourth St. 3rd Floor 23 4484 South Pecos Road Las Vegas, NV 89101 Las Vegas, NV 89121 24 Lenard F. Schwartzer 25 Schwartzer & McPherson 26 Law Firm 2850 South Jones Blvd., 27 Suite I Las Vegas, NV 89 146-5308 28

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